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SIAI	MEMORANDUM FOR:	Deputy Executive Secretary	
STAT	FROM :	Acting Legislative Counsel	
	SUBJECT :	Monthly Cable "Director's Report to the Field" (For Period 1-31 March 1978)	
	REFERENCE :	D/ES Memo dtd 22 Mar 78; Same Subject	
·	1. Attached herewith are the Office of Legislative Counsel inputs for the Director's Monthly Report to the Field as was requested in reference.		
, -	2. Please coordinate the draft cable with of my staff. She can be reached on		
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	Attachment: As Stated		

## INPUTS FOR DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY CABLE TO FIELD

- 1. MANY OF YOU HAVE RECENTLY OR WILL SHORTLY RECEIVE
  VISITS FROM CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS. THESE VISITS,
  PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES, HAVE HAD A
  DRAMATICALLY POSITIVE EFFECT ON THOSE MEMBERS AND THEIR
  STAFFS WHO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AT FIRST HAND WHAT
  IT IS YOU DO AND THE AMBIENT WITHIN WHICH YOU DO IT. THE
  DEMANDS ON THE TIME OF CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS AND STAFFS ARE
  SUCH THAT THERE ARE FREQUENT SHIFTS IN SCHEDULES, VAGARIES
  IN ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRM ITENERARIES, AND MORE THAN A FEW
  CANCELLATIONS OF TRIPS THAT HAVE BEEN PAINSTAKINGLY LAID ON BY
  THEIR OWN STAFFS, NOT TO MENTION APPROPRIATE HQS ELEMENTS AND
  FIELD STATIONS. YOUR INDULGENCE AND PATIENCE IS APPRECIATED.
- 2. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE (SSCI) IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN PUBLIC HEARINGS ON CHARTER LEGISLATION ON TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 1978. PACE OF INITIAL ROUND OF HEARINGS IS LIKELY TO BE ONE OR TWO SESSIONS PER WEEK, AND IS LIKELY TO LAST UNTIL MIDDLE OF MAY. FOLLOWING A BREAK OF APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS (THIS IS PERIOD DURING WHICH CONGRESS IS PREOCCUPIED WITH APPROPRIATIONS MATTERS), HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME

WITH ADMINISTRATION WITNESSES; THE FIRST PHASE WILL CONSIST OF NON-GOVERNMENT WITNESSES, INCLUDING FORMER DIRECTORS OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, OTHER FORMER U.S. OFFICIALS, AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE DIRECTOR WILL TESTIFY IN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY. THESE HEARINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY CHARTERS AND GUIDELINES SUBCOMMITTEE OF SSCI. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS TESTIMONY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO CHANGES IN CHARTER BILL, WHICH WILL THEN BE REDRAFTED AND INTRODUCED IN JANUARY 1979 AFTER 96TH CONGRESS CONVENES.

- 3. LATE LAST MONTH CONGRESS TOOK FINAL ACTION ON A BILL
  THAT PROHIBITS MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE PROGRAMS IN THE GOVERNMENT.
  ALTHOUGH THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS FOR SPECIAL RETIREMENT PROGRAMS,
  INCLUDING CIARDS, THE LEGISLATION DOES EXTEND TO ALL OTHER
  AND AGENCY
  FEDERAL EMPLOYEES. BILL NOW AWAITS THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE.
- 4. SSCI COMPLETED ACTION IN MARCH ON ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LEGISLATION (S. 1566), WHICH NOW AWAITS CONSIDERATION BY FULL SENATE; A FAVORABLE VOTE COULD COME WITHIN NEXT MONTH OR TWO. HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE (HPSCI) HAS BEGUN TO CONSIDER THE LEGISLATION WHICH, AS PASSED BY SENATE, REQUIRES THAT JUDICIAL WARRANTS BE OBTAINED IN ORDER TO INSTITUTE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE FOR FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE WITHIN THE U.S.

  PURPOSES, THE BILL AS INITIALLY PROPOSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD ALLOW TARGETING OF INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN CLANDESTINE

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INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES WITHOUT RELATING THOSE ACTIVITIES

TO CRIMINAL CONDUCT. AS REPORTED BY SSCI, HOWEVER, THE BILL

REQUIRES A SHOWING THAT THE INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH

THE TARGET ALLEGEDLY IS ENGAGED INVOLVE A POSSIBLE VIOLATION

OF A CRIMINAL STATUTE, IF THE TARGET OF SURVEILLANCE IS A

U.S. PERSON.

5. CIVIL SERVICE REFORM LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS AND HOUSE POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE IS HOLDING HEARINGS ON THE BILL. THE DRAFTERS OF THE LEGISLATION, BASED ON MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY US, INTENDED TO EXEMPT THE AGENCY, BUT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS IN THE BILL ARE AMBIGUOUS; WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK ON THESE PROVISIONS TO ENSURE THAT THIS LEGISLATION DOES NOT IMPACT ADVERSELY ON THE DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITIES OR ON OUR UNIQUE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

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